



# NOTEWORTHY

Newsletter of the Central Maine Library District

Spring 2002

## Construction Projects



Several libraries in the Central Maine Library District are either in the planning, fundraising, or construction stage, or have been recently completed. Some of those projects include:

**Albion Public Library.** New, completed February, 2002. Improvements: space increased from a classroom corner to a new 952 square foot building.

**Auburn Public Library.** Expansion (20,000 square feet) and renovation, in the fundraising stage. Expect to break ground in summer, 2003. Improvements: 150 seat meeting room, a conference room, computer lab, three study rooms, children's activity room, café, rental space for a compatible non-profit, and additional parking.

**Augusta, Lithgow Public Library.** Proposed expansion and renovation project, in the fundraising stage. Architect: Tappe Associates, Boston. Schematics completed. Anticipated improvements: increased parking, increased space for collections, technology, and young adult and children's services.

**Damariscotta, Skidompha Public Library.** New construction, completed in May 2001. Architect: Winton Scott, Portland. Improvements: Increased overall space from 2400 square feet to 12,700 square feet which includes a meeting space for 100; moved from inaccessible building to one that is fully ADA-compliant.

**Dixfield, Ludden Memorial Library.** Expansion and renovation project, nearly complete. Architect: Scott Simons, Portland. Improvements: ADA accessibility, additional space for seating, YA and young children, and for the four Gates computers.

**Gardiner Public Library.** Renovation, nearly complete. Architect: Sylvanus Doughty. Improvements: achieved ADA compliance by installing ramp at back (main) entrance and moving bathroom to main floor; facelift to back entrance with new windows and portico; roofline redone for future installation of HVAC system.

**Lewiston Public Library.** Expansion Project Phase II (1999): a renovation and expansion project, completed. Architect: Andrew Hyland, Port City Architecture. Improvements: expanded space for patron seating, shelving and staff work area. Proposed Expansion Project Phase III: Just starting this project. A Library Building Committee has been named; architect selection anticipated this spring. Schematic design to be in place this fall; to go out to bid around the spring of 2003. Will add about 9,000 square feet (currently around 33,000). Components under consideration

include: community meeting room, Regional History Center & Archives, and public computer lab.

**Norway Public Library.** Expansion, completed. Architect: Scott Simons, Portland. Improvements: ADA accessibility by installing ramp, parking access, and compliant bathrooms; expanded collection, service, and staff areas; improved lighting. Anticipated continuing renovation will add a multipurpose meeting space.

**Oakland Public Library.** New front steps recently completed, funded by a New Century Grant. Expansion being planned, going out to bid soon. Architect: Sylvanus Doughty. Will add ADA-compliant entrance, additional collection space and parking.

**Phillips Public Library.** Renovation, completed in 2000. Architect: Paul Augusten, Phillips, ME. Moved from a one room library to the former high school building. Improvements: ADA compliance; increased space for programming, collections and services, including separate rooms for Children, Computers, and Board Meetings.

**Rangeley Public Library.** Expansion, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> complete. Architect: Reed & Co. Architecture. Richard K. Reed, Architect. Improvements: sprinkler system, new windows in existing Children's Room, new heating plant for entire building.

**Topsham Public Library.** Proposed new building; have schematics, in the fundraising stage. Architect: J. Stewart Roberts Associates, Somerville, MA. Improvements: Increased space for collections, exhibits, programming, seating, and young adult area. Addition of meeting and conference spaces.

**Wilton Free Public Library.** Proposed expansion and renovation, in the fundraising stage. Architect: Bunker and Savage, Augusta. Improvements: new windows, reinforced floor joists, new roof, elevator, ADA-accessibility, and an additional 1200 square feet.

## PR @ Your Library

The boards of all three library districts have designated public relations and marketing as top priorities. Following up on recent PR programs at district meetings and requests from district members for a coordinated PR campaign, the boards have been awarded a New Century grant for a statewide public relations project. This project ties in with the American Library Association's "@ Your Library" five year campaign and with the Maine Library Association's plans.



## Proposed Revision of Central Maine Library District *Association* by-laws

The Central Maine Library District *Association* is the non-profit organization which functions as the *fiscal agent* for CMLD. It is governed by an Executive Committee (separate from the CMLD Executive Board) which oversees the finances of the organization. A revision of the by-laws is being proposed to clarify issues related to the organization's structure and procedures. In short, the revision of the by-laws is meant to bring them into a standard format for the sake of clarity. Copies of the existing by-laws and the proposed revision will be mailed to all member libraries well in advance of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. At the spring council meeting the membership will have an opportunity discuss and vote on the proposed changes. Any questions about this issue may be directed to any member of the Association Executive Committee. If you need contact information for committee members, call the CMLD office 1-800-322-8899.

### CMLD Association Executive Committee

**President: Rick Speer**, Director, Lewiston Public Library

**Vice President: Barbara Harness**, Librarian, MaineGeneral Medical Center, Augusta

**Secretary: Veronica Clauss**, Director, Cumston Public Library, Monmouth

**Treasurer: Vaughan Gagne**, Director, Wilton Free Public Library

**Asst. Treasurer: David Olson**, Trustee, Wilton and Farmington Public Libraries

**Past President: Jodi Crawford**, Assistant Director, Lithgow Public Library, Augusta

## Public Library Trustee Forums



The three library districts and the Maine Library Trustee Association are planning spring trustee meetings:

- Tuesday, May 14, SMLD Forum, Portland Public Library
- Thursday, May 16, NMLD Forum, Bangor
- Wednesday, May 15, CMLD Forum, Augusta

Details will be mailed to all public library directors and trustee chairs later this spring

## People



**Auburn Public Library:** Rosemary Waltos, Director. "Roe" has worked in a variety of library settings. Previously she was director of the Millbury Public Library in Central Massachusetts for 15 years. Roe is originally from Trenton, New Jersey.

**Belgrade Public Library:** Marcia Haige, Director, was the library director at Oakland Public Library from 1992 to 1994. She has previously worked as a cartographer and planner. Marcia is originally from Massachusetts.

**Damariscotta (Skidompha Public Library):** Pam Gormley is the interim Director. She became involved in the library while directing the new building project. Pam was born and raised in New York City. She worked for Readers Digest for 20 years before moving to the coast of Maine. Her background is in business management. Dave Schumacher, Youth Services Librarian. Dave was previously Children's Librarian at Lithgow Library in Augusta. He lives in Newcastle.

**Mexico Public Library:** Valerie Messana, Director.

**Oakland Public Library:** Margaret McMorrow, Assistant Librarian.

**Solon: (Coolidge Library):** Diane Trussel, Director. Originally from Massachusetts, Diane settled in Solon after her husband's military retirement. She was a member of the board of trustees before taking the position as director of the library.

**Telstar Middle/High School Library:** Kelley Fraser.

**Wilton Free Public Library:** Lynn Webster, Assistant Librarian, Interlibrary Loan. Lynn has taken UMA library courses and has been involved with Literacy Volunteers for 20 years. She resides in New Sharon.

## In Memoriam

**Flora Wing Champlin** established the Albion Public Library in 1962 and served as its librarian until the time of her death on February 20, 2002.

## Calendar

April 4	Public Library Directors' Round Table: Topsham
April 9	Reading Round-Up
April 11	Waterville Area School Librarians
April 14-20	National Library Week
April 17	Maine State Library "Road Show" at Rumford
April 18	FOML Regional Meeting, Maine State Library
April 22-26	Computer "Quick Dips"
May 5-7	Maine Libraries Conference
May 13-15	Trustee Forums
May 15	Maine Library Commission
May 23	Spring Council Meeting
May 23	CMLD Executive Board meeting
May 31	SPARK, Bowdoinham Public Library
June 11	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Public Library Directors' Institute
June 20	CMLD Executive Board Annual Retreat
September 11-	
November 13	10-week cataloging class from 4-7 p.m. at Maine State Library. Instructor: Bonnie Collins

**For updated information on CMLD meetings  
and programs, visit the web site at  
[www.state.me.us/msl/cmlld](http://www.state.me.us/msl/cmlld)**

## Bindery Schedule



The Bridgeport Bindery in  
Agawam, Massachusetts, serves  
as the bindery for the Maine  
Regional Library System.

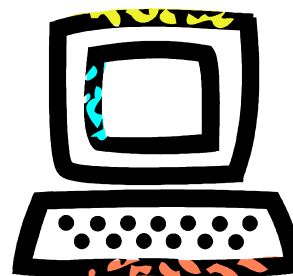
Pickups and deliveries are made  
on a regular basis at scheduled  
library sites throughout Maine. Contact the  
bindery to set up a new account. Telephone 800-223-5083  
or <http://www.BNBindery.com/>

### CMLD Pick-Up/Delivery Dates:

April 16, May 13/14, June 10/11, July 8/9, August 5/6

### CMLD Pick-Up/Delivery Sites:

Auburn Public Library  
Lewiston Public Library  
Maine State Library – Augusta  
Waterville Public Library



## Computer "Quick Dips"

The Central Maine Library District will offer free 2 ½  
hour workshops for CMLD member libraries during  
the week of April 22-26. These workshops are  
designed to introduce library staff to the basics of: MS  
Windows, File Management, MS Word, MS Excel,  
MS Access, MS FrontPage, Web Design, and  
searching the Internet. The instructor will be Sheri  
Pellerin, a free-lance computer consultant with  
experience in web design and software training. The  
workshops will take place at the Maine State Library  
Computer Lab. All workshops are free to CMLD  
member libraries, but space is limited, so **pre-  
registration is required**. **Registration deadline is  
April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Flyers were mailed to member libraries in  
mid-March.

## Web Design for Friends

Curious about the Web? Want to see what other  
Friends groups are doing on their web sites? The  
statewide Friends of Maine Libraries (FOML) is  
organizing regional meetings in each of the three  
library Districts this spring. These sessions will offer  
participants a chance to surf the web in a relaxed and  
friendly environment. The CMLD program will be  
held Thursday, April 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the  
Maine State Library in Augusta. After a welcome  
reception and sharing time, the hands-on program will  
help Friends improve or create web sites.

The meeting will be facilitated  
by Nancy McGinnis, Director of  
Hubbard Free Library in  
Hallowell and Jim Foster,  
President of FOML.





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